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WHITEHOUSE PASS TO NSC - RICE AND SHEEHAN;
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 TAGS: PREL, MARR, UN, RW, ET
 SUBJECT: RWANDA - NO ETHIOPIANS FOR UNAMIR

REF: A) USUN 2705, B) USUN 2706, C) USDAO ADDIS 5398, D)
 ADDIS 5211, E) LILONGWE 3309, F) STATE 160944

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. UN DPKO OFFICIALS INFORMED USUN JULY 11 THAT THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN FINDING A WAY TO RETAIN AN ETHIOPIAN PRESENCE IN UNAMIR. DPKO SAID THEY HAD ASKED GHANA WHETHER THE GOG COULD AGREE TO KEEP ONE COMPANY IN RWANDA INSTEAD OF THE TWO ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR. THE GOG REFUSED. DPKO MADE THIS APPROACH TO GHANA IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE U.S. INSISTENCE THAT PART OF THE ETHIOPIAN BATTALION STAY, DESPITE THEIR RELUCTANCE TO BE PERCEIVED AS INSULTING THE GHANAIANS. UNHQ HOLDS A HIGH OPINION OF GHANAIAN PERFORMANCE AND DEDICATION IN RWANDA.

3. UN DPKO, AS REPORTED REFTEL B, WILL NOT REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE INDIAN CONTINGENT BECAUSE THE INDIANS HAVE A LOGISTIC CAPABILITY FOR FLEXIBLE DEPLOYMENT THAT NO OTHER CONTINGENT IN UNAMIR HAS. BEFORE APPROACHING THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PULL THEIR COMPANY OUT OF RWANDA SO THAT AN ETHIOPIAN COMPANY COULD REMAIN, DPKO CHECKED AGAIN WITH THE ETHIOPIANS TO SEE IF THEY WERE PREPARED TO LEAVE A COMPANY IN UNAMIR. THE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO DPKO THAT THE GOE HAD TAKEN A FIRM DECISION TO PULL THE ENTIRE BATTAKUIB OUT OF UNAMIR. DPKO THEREFORE DECIDED NOT TO ASK MALAWI TO LEAVE. DPKO ATTRIBUTES THE CURRENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE GOE TO THE GOE'S LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. UNHQ DOES NOT SHARE THE U.S. VIEW THAT THE ETHIOPIAN CONTINGENT IS SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHER CONTINGENTS IN UNAMIR.

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4. COMMENT: WITH THE UN PLANNING TO SHIP THE ETHIOPIANS OUT IN TWO WEEKS, AND GIVEN THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE GOE REPORTED IN REF C, USUN BELIEVES FURTHER DEMARCHEES WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE. END COMMENT.

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